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1. Members of the Partido Comunista de Colombia (PCC) have been warned to take all possible security measures to avoid arousing the suspicions of the government. The Party is studying tentative plans for an underground organization in the event it is declared illegal.
2. The PCC, fearing that the Party would be declared illegal after the 9 April 1948 uprising, conducted its operations clandestinely to avoid any repressive measures that the government might take against it. However, with the lifting of the state of siege in December 1948, the Communists again met openly and initiated an energetic agitation campaign throughout the country.
3. However, the PCC has been particularly alarmed by the recent appointment of Lt. Gen. German Ocampo, Minister of War, as a member of the Colombian delegation to the United Nations. Although it has been announced that Ocampo's absence from the country will be brief, it is believed that this is a preliminary step to replacing him as Minister of War. The PCC fears that he will be replaced by General Rafael Sanchez Amaya, who is avowedly anti-Communist and is considered the most likely candidate for the position. According to the Communists, the replacement of Ocampo by a more fanatically conservative officer would result in an even more strict surveillance of Communist Party activities than at present, with the possibility that it might be declared illegal.

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